

BONDING FOR GOOD ROADS

Capt. Cribbitt Contributes a Chapter to the Controversy

EDITOR STAR: I wish to join Messrs. Hull, Paine and others against bonding the county, believing I have intelligence enough to mortgage my property without the assistance of the county commissioners or other parties, and I also take issues with W. W. Clyatt, when he calls our present system of building hard roads, permanent improvements, showing that he doth not know what he is talking about, as we have not one yard of permanent improvements in any of our present hard road construction, and the only piece of work that I know of in the county that can claim any kin to permanency is around the court house square in Ocala, and if the young man will post himself on the cost of such work, he will find that will be more eternal contentions in all communities (except Ocala) as the \$100,000 would not build over twenty-five miles, leaving plenty of room for contentions. No gentlemen, we want no bonds for experimental purposes, and as our commissioners have no plans of permanently constructing roads that I can find, nor have called to their assistance any practical engineer to give them the light required, I call it all experimental. I for one do not care to mortgage the next generation to carry on this work, as the whole thing will be gone and washed out, so we will have to take to the woods to get to Ocala, within ten years after being built, without great expense annually for repairs. Will Mr. Clyatt or any of our county commissioners enlighten us on the cost per mile per annum of keeping those hard roads in repair under the present system of construction, or what will the contract be to keep said roads in repair per mile annually, for the next twenty years, giving good security to protect the county against all loss in failing to comply with said contract. I think when Mr. Clyatt finds out the amount per mile annually to keep said roads in repair, he will have to make a change in his figures, though they say figures will not lie. Let us be careful, we do not, in arranging them. No sir, we have long been ill using the best land in the state by bad farming, and now we are stripping the balance of its virgin timber in great haste, fearing we may be called away and some lone tree be left standing when our children come in possession of those acres, and it seemeth we are not satisfied at that, but no, we must bond those almost valueless farms and barren sand hills, for what. So some people can get money for a little work from the county, and to pay political debts. We have been holding our farms for the benefit of our little ones, thinking it the best and surest investment for them, and I do so hope good old Marion county will see to it that the young are not left destitute with a mortgage on every village and city home and country farm. Almost all wild lands will revert to the state within the next ten years, as no one will care to pay taxes on it after the timber is gone, leaving nothing but the city and place of business and the farms to pay those bonds and their accumulating interest.

JAMES CRIBBITT.

York, Jan. 23.

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Braised pork chops, a la en Duloze; macaroni au gratine.

VEGETABLES.

Mashed white potatoes, glazed sweets, sugar corn, stewed tomatoes, steamed rice, Florida cabbage with bacon, cornbread.

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Mince pie, lemon and raisin pie, peach pie, apple Tapioca with sherry wine.

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